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SUBJECT: TREATY NEGOTIATIONS: PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECOMMENCEMENT

1. ALL FOUR AUG. 4 PANAMA MORNING NEWSPAPERS LED OFF WITH BANNER HEADLINES ANNOUNCING NEXT ROUND OF CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. PRESS ARTICLES BASED ON INFORMATION GIVEN BY GEN. TORRIJOS TO TV COMMENTATOR MARIO VELASQUEZ YESTERDAY EVENING AND BROADCAST AS A SPECIAL BULLETIN OVER CHANNEL 2 FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR JORDEN'S MEETING WITH GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS.

2. ARTICLES STATE THAT AS A RESULT OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE RECENT ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG VARIOUS U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES PRESIDENT FORD INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR ELLSWORTH BUNKER TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS PROMPTLY. THEY ADD THAT BY PRESIDENTIAL INSTRUCTION AMBASSADOR BUNKER WILL RETURN TO PANAMA AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER TO MEET WITH THE PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATORS. ARTICLES FURTHER NOTE THAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER HOPES THE NEGOTIATIONS PRODUCE A RAPID SOLUTION TO THE DIFFERENCES THAT STILL EXIST (BETWEEN U.S. AND PANAMANIAN POSITIONS). (NOTE: THIS IS MILD DISTORTION OF WHAT I TOLD TORRIJOS AND VELASQUEZ, I.E. THAT I WAS SURE THAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER HOPED THAT THE

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RESUMED TALKS WOULD PRODUCE THE QUOTE EARLIEST POSSIBLE

RESOLUTION UNQUOTE OF REMAINING DIFFERENCES.) CHIEF
OF GOVERNMENT TORRIJOS ADDED THAT RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS "COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE" TO GOP AND THAT BUNKER
WILL BE WELCOMED TO PANAMA.
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